	HIGH COURTS	Pendency as on	Civil	Criminal	TOTAL
11	Kerala	12/99	210	0	210
12	Madhya Pradesh	12/99	689	36	725
13	Madras	12/99	865	0	865
14	Orissa	12/99	2132	0	2132
15	Patna	9/99	5426	60	5486
16	Punjab and Haryana	12/99	2478	50	2528
17	Rajasthan	9/99	1113	25	1138
18	Sikkim	12/99	0	6	6
	GRAND TOTAL:		26393	29344	55737

Amendment in Civil Procedure Code

429. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plan to amend the Civil Procedure Code in order to lessen the lengthy procedure involved in the legal process;

(b) whether the new Bill envisages use of private agencies for serving notices and recording of rule by Commissioners appointed by the Court;

(c) whether the other changes include fixing a time limit for completing arguments and time frame for delivery of judgment; and

(d) if so, when is this amendment likely to come into force?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2000 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd December, 2000 and is pending for consideration and passing in Parliament.